

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) In a computing device, a method for interfacing an object identifier reader to an application, comprising:

receiving object identifier data from the object identifier reader through a first communication port of the computing device, the object identifier data comprising information and formatting characters, wherein the first communication port comprises hardware which places the object identifier reader in electronic communication with the computing device;

identifying the information in the object identifier data;

identifying an application to receive the information, wherein the application is also running on the computing device;

determining that the application does not expect to receive the information through the first communication port;

determining that the application expects to receive the information through a second communication port by identifying an association between the application and the second communication port; and

sending the information to the application on the computing device through the second communication port, wherein the information is received by the application through the second communication port and processed by the application.

21-40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) A system for interfacing an object identifier reader to an application, comprising:

the object identifier reader; and

a computing device comprising:

a processor;

memory in electronic communication with the processor;

the application stored in the memory;

a first communication port in electronic communication with the object identifier reader, wherein the first communication port comprises hardware which places the object identifier reader in electronic communication with the computing device;

a second communication port in electronic communication with the application;

a software module stored in the memory, the software module being configured

to:

receive object identifier data from the object identifier reader through the first communication port, the object identifier data comprising information and formatting characters;

identify the information in the object identifier data;

identify the application to receive the information, wherein the application is also running on the computing device;

determine that the application does not expect to receive the information through the first communication port;

determine that the application expects to receive the information through the second communication port by identifying an association between the application and the second communication port; and

send the information to the application on the computing device through the second communication port, wherein the information is received by the application through the second communication port and processed by the application.

42-61. (Cancelled)

62. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising executable instructions for:

receiving object identifier data from an object identifier reader through a first communication port of the computing device, the object identifier data comprising information and formatting characters, wherein the first communication port comprises hardware which places the object identifier reader in electronic communication with the computing device;

identifying the information in the object identifier data;

identifying an application to receive the information, wherein the application is also running on the computing device;

determining that the application does not expect to receive the information through the first communication port;

determining that the application expects to receive the information through a second communication port by identifying an association between the application and the second communication port; and

sending the information to the application on the computing device through the second communication port, wherein the information is received by the application through the second communication port and processed by the application.

63. (Cancelled)

64. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein determining that the application does not expect to receive the information through the first communication port and determining that the application expects to receive the information through the second communication port comprise searching an application registry, and wherein the application registry comprises the association between the application and the second communication port.

65. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 41, wherein determining that the application does not expect to receive the information through the first communication port and determining that the application expects to receive the information through the second communication port comprise searching an application registry, and wherein the application registry comprises the association between the application and the second communication port.

66. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 62, wherein determining that the application does not expect to receive the information through the first communication port and determining that the application expects to receive the information through the second communication port comprise searching an application registry, and wherein the application registry comprises the association between the application and the second communication port.